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# ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1 Reyes

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Lahood) (during the vote). Members are advised that there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MEEHAN, and Mr. MORAN of Kansas changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2427, PHARMACEUTICAL MARKET ACCESS ACT OF 2003

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Lahood). The time remaining on the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Sessions) has  $4\frac{1}{2}$  minutes remaining, and the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. Slaughter) has  $1\frac{1}{2}$  minutes remaining.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, before I start I would like to clarify with the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS), we had a conversation, and he has one more speaker for the remainder of the time; is that correct?

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, to answer the gentlewoman, I have  $4\frac{1}{2}$  minutes remaining. I will use 4 minutes for a speaker to close, and then I will end the debate.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 20 seconds.

Mr. Speaker, I simply wanted to remind the House that this is probably one of the most important votes that they are going to take because their constituents are waiting to see where we fall. Are we with the pharmaceutical companies, or are we with them? The safety issue absolutely will hold no water anywhere, and they know it. And I think that there will be a lot to answer to if we do not support this tonight.

Mr. Speaker, I yield the remainder of my time to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. Burton).

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I have been here for 21 years in this body. I know I look a lot younger, but I have been here 21 years. And I have never seen the kind of pressure exerted on Members of this body like I have seen on this bill.

They say it is about safety. It is not about safety; it is about money. They say it is about health, the health of the seniors who might be taken in by counterfeit drugs. It is not about that. It is about money, the money that the pharmaceutical companies are making on the backs of the American people.

Talk to a lady who has got a child who is suffering from some very serious disease and she finds out, to buy her pharmaceutical products here, it costs four or five times here than what it costs in Canada or Germany or France. What do we say to her? It is about money. What do we say to a woman who has breast cancer, who is going to die, who needs Tamoxifen to survive? Her life depends on it. How do we tell her it is going to cost six or seven times what it costs in Canada or Germany for the very same thing? Is her

life worth that much less? Tell me, is her life worth that much less?

And if the profits are so great here and they are not as great elsewhere, then why not spread it around? Why should all these profits be loaded on the backs of the American people?

When the Members vote, I want them to think about this. Think about this. And I approach this from a personal standpoint. There is a woman who is dying of breast cancer. This is one example. How do we tell her when she goes to buy Tamoxifen and she cannot afford it that she could go right across the border to Canada and get it for one-sixth or one-seventh what it costs here? How do we tell her that? We cannot.

We need to pass this bill to send a message to the pharmaceutical companies that the American people deserve the same rights and privileges as anybody else in this world, especially those who really need it because of their health.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. McCrery).

Mr. McCRERY. Mr. Speaker, one thing I agree with the last speaker about, and that is that Americans pay an unfair share of the research and development costs for pharmaceuticals in the world; but the proper way to address that is not by abandoning our free market principles and importing price controls, and that is what this bill would do.

I have heard it several times here this evening, there is no safety issue. That is a ruse. Do not believe PhRMA. Do not even believe FDA. But how about the Secretary of HHS for two different administrations, one Democratic and one Republican? A previous speaker said, well, I personally talked to Secretary Shalala not long ago and she assured me that that is not what she really said. What she really said is that if the FDA had the appropriate resources, then we could certify the safety of these drugs.

I would ask the gentleman who spoke with Donna Shalala, did he ask her does the FDA have the appropriate resources? The answer would be no. Does this bill give them the appropriate resources? The answer is no. When would they get the appropriate resources? We do not know. But you want to pass this bill tonight. If the FDA got the appropriate resources, how long would it take them to put those safety devices in place?

So you can say there is not a safety issue, but that is all it is, is words. The people who have researched this, the people in positions of responsibility in government, both Democratic and Republican, have said there is a safety issue. So think about that before voting for this bill.

There is a chart to my left here. This side of the chart shows a chart that was put up on this floor earlier by one of the proponents of the bill. The other side shows the rest of the story. Germany imposes price controls, called

"reference prices" on most drugs. Seven out of the 10 drugs on this chart that was shown have price controls. Most of the drugs on this list are also available as generics in Germany. Seven out of 10, in fact, are available as generics. Nine out of 10 are either subject to price controls or are available in generic form. What happens when a generic form comes on market? The price comes down of the patented drug.

In addition, all drugs in Germany are subject to the threat of compulsory licensing, that is, the drug company can lose its patent in Germany if they refuse to sell the drugs there. I do not know where the United States prices on the supporters' charts came from. The difference is not 300 percent, as they would advertise, but 31 percent. That is reality. Vote against this bill if we want better wonder drugs in the future for better health.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

These proposed changes will prevent the greatest scientific research and development organization in the world from continuing to solve the medical problems of tomorrow. We need to pass a prescription drug plan that reduces the cost of drugs, not one that ruins those that make drugs that solves problems, that takes care of the reallife problems that we face, moms, dads, brothers, and sisters. We need to make sure that we vote "yes" on the rule and that we vote "no" on Gutknecht to make sure that the prescription drug people who do the hard work are alive and well and provide those things that are necessary and pass a prescription drug plan that takes care of the problems with the cost of high prescription

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

#### RECORDED VOTE

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the vote on adoption of the resolution, if ordered, and on any other votes arising in this series.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 417, noes 10, not voting 7, as follows:

## [Roll No. 439]

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#### NOT VOTING-7

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) (during the vote). Members are reminded there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

# □ 1959

Messrs. OLVER. COOPER. and NAD-LER changed their vote from "no" to

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

#### RECORDED VOTE

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this vote will followed by a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 35, noes 393, not voting 6, as follows: